# San Diego DX Club Bulletin

June 2015

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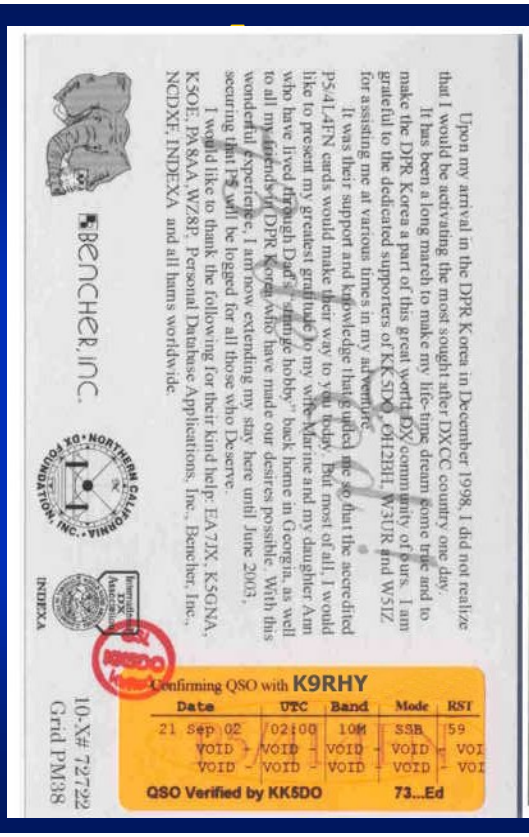

Upon my arrival in the DPR Korea in December 1998, I did not realize that I would be activating the most sought after DXCC country one day.

It has been a long march to make my life-time dream come true and to make the DPR Korea a part of this great world DX community of ours. I am grateful to the dedicated supporters of KK5DO, OH2BH, W3UR and W5IZ for assisting me at various times in my adventure.

It was their support and knowledge that enabled me so that the accredited P5/4L4FN cards would make their way to you today. But most of all, I would like to present my greatest gratitude to my wife Marine and my daughter Ann who have lived through Dad's "strange hobby" back home in Georgia, as well to all my friends in DPR Korea who have made our desires possible. With this wonderful experience, I am now extending my stay here until June 2003.

I would like to thank the following for their kind help: EA7JX, K5GNA, K5OE, PA8AA, W2SP, Personal Database Applications, Inc., Bencher, Inc., NCDXF, INDEXA and all hams worldwide.

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## June Program

**DX Productivity**

Computer, Web and Phone Apps by Howard Groveman, W6HDG

## Meeting Notice:

**Wednesday, June 24, 2015**

**Join us at The Sizzler, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 278-6988**

**Social hour, 5:00 p.m. Dinner, 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting, 6:30 P.M**


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# A Word from the Prez . . .

Wild Bill, **WB6BFG**

Greetings members!

I hope this finds everyone in good spirits and that the father's in the club had a great Father's Day!

It's been an honor to have been able to serve the club for the last couple of years, first as V.P. then Prez. Thank you! I welcome our new leaders, John Vissat, NA6L (Prez) and Howard Groveman, W6HDG (V.P.) and wish them the best! Thanks to our continuing Board members Ron Stockton NØRR, Miguel Rivera, KJ6YXI for their continuing service. Congratulations to Mike Binder ,NA6MB on his election to the Board.

The SDDX Club is moving right along with planning this year's Summer Bash. The tradition was started years ago by Jim McCook, W6YA and this year Jim Stevenson, W6YI, will once again host the party. The DX Summer Bash will be at his QTH 10250 Paseo de Flora in Escondido on August 2nd, 2015. Please toss your hat in the ring if you can help out one way or the other. Hopes are high that we will put on the best Bash to date! More information will be released and will also be posted on the clubs website along with W6YI's QRZ page.

Thanks to Earl Towson, N1Q for his F.B. presentation on Earth-Moon-Earth (EME). Also for joining our club!

The June meeting will be at The Sizzler. This month's presentation will be by Howard Groveman, W6HDG. It will be on "DX Productivity - Computer, Web and Phone Apps". Please join us for a fun filled evening and camaraderie.

We were delighted by the surprise arrival of engraved desk plaques from the ARRL. We received them (also heard from others that received them too) in recognition for being one of the many W1AW/6 operators that worked the special event last year. Very nice ~ Thank you ARRL!

Congratulations to club member Larry N6NC (NO6T) for taking 1st Place W6 call area, 2014 WPX CW (40m SBAHP), #13 World, #3 USA and NA. He sends his thanks to K6AM, N6GCI, KM6SN for design and build help.

With the advent of social media, here's a historical video about Amateur Radio. The original social media: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mK_fNmQxzs

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# Secretary/Treasurer Reports

## Ellen, N6UWW

**San Diego DX Club – April 2015**

**Secretary's Report**

The May 27th meeting was gaveled to order by Wild Bill, WB6BFG. Visitor: Earl, N1QI.

**Old Business:**

Tom, N6JOJ reported that he attended the SANDARC meeting. SANDARC Board consists of Chairman Joe Acevedo, N6SIX, Vice-Chairman Bill Metzger, W6RGS, Secretary John Trites, NO5X.

**New Business**

Tom, N6JOJ reported that Ernie, N6HY of SCDXC recently suffered a major heart attack and is recuperating after a pacemaker implant. Please keep Ernie in your thoughts. Wayne, NN6R made a motion to reinstate the policy of publishing the Club Bulletin at least one week prior to the monthly meeting. Charlie, NN3V seconded the motion. A show of hands was too close for it to be decisive but the Board will try to get their submissions to the Editor earlier (sometimes life gets in the way!) John, K6AM presented the Big Gun Award to Dan, WB6FWS. John also offered IRC's to the group - $1/each. Dan, N6ERD reported that the Nominating Committee had met and offered the following Slate of Officers: President – John, NA6L, Vice-President – Howard, W6HDG, Board Member – Mike, NA6MB, Secretary/Treasurer – Ellen, N6UWW. The Slate of Officers was declared elected by acclamation as no other nominees accepted the challenge?/honor? when nominations were made from the floor. Continuing Board Members are Ron - NØRR and Miguel – KJ6YXI. John, K6AM read the Top 10 Total Band Countries Worked. John, NA6L introduced new member Earl, N1QI, who gave a presentation on EME after the Roundtable discussion.

**Treasurer's Report**

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## A Word from the Prez (Cont'd). . .

Please remember that the club's newsletter is only as good as the information the editor receives, so please take the time to submit any DX related stories, tall tales, and musings of a madman or crazy lady for his consideration. Let's help Bob, K9RHY, keep our newsletter interesting.

73 & 88's to the pretty ones!

Aloha, Au revoir, Auf Wiedersehen, Arrivederci, Dasvidaniya, Sayonara

Wiuld Bill, WB6BFG

"To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk." Thomas Edison

# THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

## By John, K6AM

### TOTAL BAND-COUNTRIES WORKED

| 6/15 | 6/14 | CALL | ZNS | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG | 6/15 | 6/14 | CALL | ZNS | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 3. | K6XT | 356 | 2543 | 2686 | 2802 | +139 | 11. | 13. | NA6L | 337 | 1750 | 1752 | 1943 | +175 |
| 2. | 4. | W6YI | 367 | 2584 | 2631 | 2748 | +35 | 12. | 11. | WB6BFG | 330 | 1772 | 1783 | 1921 | +66 |
| 3. | 1. | K6AM | | 2659 | 2711 | 2741 | +5 | 13. | 12. | AD6ZJ | 319 | 1694 | 1716 | 1820 | - |
| 4. | 2. | N7CW | 376 | 2526 | 2526 | 2715 | - | 14. | 15. | N6VS | 301 | 1524 | 1542 | 1633 | +100 |
| 5. | 5. | N6CW | 374 | ? | 2300 | 2629 | - | 15. | 14. | NN6K | 226 | 1513 | 1539 | 1539 | - |
| 6. | 6. | W6YA | 348 | ? | ? | 2389 | - | 16. | 16. | N6XT | 295 | 1114 | 1114 | 1442 | - |
| 7. | 7. | K0XB | 345 | 2281 | 2314 | 2355 | +30 | 17. | 18. | AK6ZZ | 260 | 784 | 784 | 1121 | +50 |
| 8. | 8. | K6ZH | 337 | 2135 | 2174 | 2284 | +71 | 18. | 17. | WB1EAZ | ? | 1026 | 1105 | 1105 | NEW |
| 9. | 10. | WN6K | 332 | 1867 | 1902 | 2156 | +60 | 19. | 19. | K5OA | 227 | 874 | 894 | 1049 | - |
| 10. | 9. | W6YOO | 306 | 2107 | 2144 | 2144 | | 20. | 20. | N6UWW | 290 | 428 | 428 | 1026 | NEW |

Some nice big jumps again this time in the TBC category, the granddaddy of DX'ing. Art, K6XT leaps into first place with 139 new one with W6YI close behind, shoving the previous leader down into third place. John, NA6L makes the biggest jump for the second year in a row with 175 new ones. Secretary, Ellen, N6UWW becomes our first ever YL on this list, coming aboard with enough to qualify for the DXCC challenge award.

There's plenty of room to make a decent gain in this category by getting on those bands where your totals are still low. Things should remain hot as we crest the top of the cycle. For the TBC list, we are showing the first 20 places to accommodate the large number of entries in this category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 6/160 and digital followed by phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at http://www.sddxc.org or bring 'em to the meeting.

John, K6AM

## SDDXC RESULTS
## 2014 CQ WORLDWIDE PHONE DX CONTEST

| CLASS | CALL | SCORE | QSO'S | MLTS | FINISH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SO - HP | RU9CZD (N5ZO) | 6,375,185 | 4,561 | 515 | **# 1 Russia**<br># 2 Zone 17, #4 Asia |
| SO - HP | W6YI | 2,339,698 | 1,950 | 437 | # 8 ZONE 3<br># 2 W6 |
| SO HP 20M | ZF2AH<br>(W6VNR) | 780,684 | 2,814 | 134 | **# 1 ZONE 8**<br># 2 NA.<br># 11 WORLD |
| SO LP 10M | WN6K | 144,032 | 477 | 112 | # 2 W6, # 3 ZONE 3 |
| SA HP 10M | N7CW | 69,828 | 182 | 138 | |
| SA HP 10M | WB6BFG | 34,398 | 105 | 126 | |

# From the Editor

Bob, K9RHY

## What's Next for P5?

According to ClubLog, http://www.clublog.org/mostwanted.php the five most wanted DXCC entities as of June 15, 2015 are:

| Rank | Prefix | Entity Name |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | P5 | DPRK (NORTH KOREA) |
| 2. | 3Y/B | BOUVET ISLAND |
| 3. | VP8S | SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS |
| 4. | FT5W | CROZET ISLAND |
| 5. | VK0H | HEARD ISLAND |

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (aka DPRK or North Korea, prefix P5) has arguably been the most elusive DXCC entity since the country was accepted into the United Nations in 1991 and added to the ARRL DXCC List in July 1995.

There have been only three valid operations from P5 since being added to the DXCC List, with some "Pirate" operations as well.

The three valid operations were:

- P5/OH2AM (OH2BC, OH2BH, OH0XX) May 14, 1995 Amateur Radio Demonstration - 20 QSOs
- P51BH (OH2BH) April 21, 1999 Amateur Radio Demonstration 263 QSOs
- P5/4L4FN (4L4FN) Nov. 2001 - Nov. 2002 Regular operation. 16,194 QSOs, 12,170 unique calls

And that's it. If you don't have a QSL card from one of these operations, P5 is probably in the #1 slot on your personal Want List. To make matters worse, if you're shooting for the #1 slot on the CW DXCC Honor Roll, there is an even larger void.

Two years ago at Visalia, an old friend, Bob Locher, W9KNI, who stands alone at the top of the latest DXCC CW standings at 358 is missing P5. It's that rare.

In December, 2002 the only active North Korean station was ordered off the air. Ed Giorgadze, 4L4FN, who had been operating as P5/4L4FN from Pyongyang, was called into a meeting with the "Radio Regulation Board" and without any explanation, was politely asked to quit all transmissions and pack all his radio equipment. For the last 13 years all that has been heard from P5 is silence on the bands.

The ARRL accredited Ed's SSB and RTTY operation as P5/4L4FN for DXCC.

In the "close but no cigar" category we have Dr. Hranislav Milosevic, YT1AD, who claime to have been "licensed" as P5A, but was not allowed to operate on either occasion he was in the country.

P5RS7 operated in 1992, but was not in North Korea. The Ten-Ten newsletter wrote that this station was operating from over the border from North Korea in Vladivostok, Russia.

- OK1DTG/P5: Josef Zabavik was with the Czech army stationed in N.K. in 1992. He claims "verbal permission" to operate and worked stations on the 40m, 20m and 15m bands. Station P51DTG was suspected of being a pirate station, unaffiliated with Zabavik.
- My favorite, Romeo Stepanenko, 3W3RR, AH0M, (etc.) accompanied by Oleg, UB4JDM, Mike, UW0MF and Toly, UT3UY signed P5RS7 in December, 1992 in an operation disallowed by the ARRL for "ethics violations".
- HA0HW: denied operating privileges by DPRK
- JH1AJT and JH4RHF: installed a ham station at Pyongyang and lectured on the ham hobby. Forbidden to turn on the rig.
- HM0DX: was heard in 2000 calling himself "Kim", receiving hams used beam settings to locate him in Japan.
- P5/KA2HTV: medical doctor on humanitarian trip to N.K. took a ham station with him, but was denied operation permission on what was described as a "mix-up" by N.K. authorities

| **Call** | **Date/Notes** |
|---|---|
| P5/OH2AM | 1995 - May |
| P51BH | 1999 - April |
| P5/4L4FN | 2001 - November to 2002 - November |
| **Planned operations that did not happen** | |
| P51DX | 1996 or later |
| P5/HA0HW | 1996 or later |
| P5/KA2HTV | 2005 - August |
| P5A | By YT1AD |
| Operation by JH1AJT & JH4RHF | JH1AJT & JH4RHF installed a station in Pyongyang. However, they were never allowed to turn on the rig. |
| **Operations that did not count** | |
| OK1DTG/P5 , P51DTG | 1992 - April to June |
| P5RS7 | 1992 - December |
| P51HA, P51VK, P57VK | 1996 - July |
| HM0DX | 2000 - April |

# Yet Hope Springs Eternal

**3Z9DX**

On February 28, 2015, DX-World.net broke the news that Dom, 3Z9DX had written permission to operate from P5.

Dom claims to have received a further letter from authorities in Pyongyang inviting him to a final meeting to discuss [and for he to accept] rules by the North Korean military and the relevant telecommunications department.

This meeting is supposed to take place in December, 2015 with activity planned for January or February 2016. Activity will last for 5 days.

**The Intrepid-DX Group**

First announced at the Dayton Hamvention in 2013, Intrepid-DX Group members, Paul, N6PSE and David, AH6HY were granted visas to visit the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in June, 2013. (This in itself is not particularly exciting. North Korea has allowed US citizens to obtain visas and enter the country since January 2010. Getting in is easy; getting out is where the problems lie.)

However, the outlook for US citizens contemplating a visit to P5 should be tempered by the following waning from the US State Department:

> "The Department of State strongly recommends against all travel by U.S. citizens to North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK). This replaces the Travel Warning for North Korea of November 19, 2013, to update information on the risk of arbitrary arrest and detention of U.S. citizens in North Korea. Travel by U.S. citizens to North Korea is not routine, and U.S. citizen tourists have been subject to arbitrary arrest and long-term detention. North Korean authorities have arrested U.S. citizens who entered the DPRK legally on valid DPRK visas as well as U.S. citizens who accidentally crossed into DPRK territory. The Department of State has also received reports of DPRK authorities arbitrarily detaining U.S. citizens without charges and not allowing them to depart the country. In the past 18 months, North Korea detained several U.S. citizens who were part of organized tours. Do not assume that joining a group tour or use of a tour guide will prevent your arrest or detention by North Korean authorities. Efforts by private tour operators to prevent or resolve past detentions of U.S. citizens in the DPRK have not succeeded in gaining their release."

The Intrepid-DX Group is seeking permission to lead two groups of twelve people each on a two week expedition to the DPRK. While inside the country, they plan to operate an amateur radio station and make contacts with ham operators around the world.

The two are now planning a second visit and have added a representative of the Chinese amateur radio community to their group: Fan Bin (BA1RB).

## P5/K6VVA/P5CW

Eric Hilding, K6VVA, is proposing an "anti-pirate" strategy for his planned P5 operation. Not many details are available at the current moment.

## The Next Operation?

From where might the next licensed P5 operation originate? I have posed the question to several BY operators who usually simply shake their heads. That, coupled with the State Department warning to US citizens, causes me to speculate that the next operation might originate from South Korea (ROK) (HL) through the Kaesong Industrial Region (KIR). the Kaesong Industrial Region is a special administrative industrial region of North Korea (DPRK). It was formed in 2002 from part of the Kaesong Directly-Governed City.

Its most notable feature is the Kaesong industrial park, operated as a collaborative economic development with South Korea (ROK). The park is located six miles north of the Korean Demilitarized Zone, an hour's drive from Seoul, with direct road and rail access to South Korea. The park allows South Korean companies to employ cheap labor that is educated, skilled, and fluent in Korean, while providing North Korea with an important source of foreign currency.

As of April 2013, 123 South Korean companies employed about 53,000 DPRK workers and 800 ROK staff. Their wages, totaling $90 million each year, had been paid directly to the North Korean government.

On 3 April 2013, during the 2013 Korean crisis, North Korea blocked access to the region to all South Korean citizens. On 8 April 2013, the North Korean government removed all 53,000 North Korean workers from the Kaesong industrial park, which effectively shut down all activities. On 15 August 2013, both countries agreed that the industrial park should be reopened.

## Random Thoughts

Although I've never been to the DPRK, I have made a number of trips to the ROK. My daughter Beth taught English in the ROK for a year and I have conducted a lot of business with Korean companies.

When you leave or arrive in Korea at the new Inchon Airport (a fantastic facility) you are only 22 miles from the border with the DPRK. The DPRK is plainly visible from a window seat during takeoff and landing.

In Seoul, there are plenty of reminders that the Korean War ended with an armistice, and no "final peaceful settlement" has been achieved as of today. The freeways in Seoul have areas set aside for storing tank traps that can be deployed immediately in case hostilities resume.

P5 on CW? Absolutely? By me? No way.

**SDDXC RESULTS**
**2014 CQ WPX CW DX CONTEST**

| CLASS | CALL | SCORE | QSO'S | MLTS | FINISH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MULTI-TWO | WQ6X (opa) N6KI WQ6X KB7V WA2OOB N6CY WB6NBU NN6X N6EEG K4RB NØDY | 8,838,492 | 3,470 | 1,069 | **#1 W6** **#7 NA** |
| SO HP (TS) | AF6O | 1,900,239 | 1,318 | 647 | #2 W6, #6 NA |
| SO LP | WN6K | 846,237 | 853 | 413 | **#1 W6,** #24 NA |
| SA HP 40M | NO6T (N6NC) | 97,848 | 214 | 162 | **#1 W6,** #3 NA #13 WORLD |

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